have to be built in proximity to the new site and that the ward now sanctioned will be of no use as such? Further there is the question of the site for the ward being acquired on land that is very valuable. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, will not the hon. the Chief Minister again look into the matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"The position is this. There was a proposal to acquire a certain site for the purposes of the new hospital. That was dropped because there was objection from the neighbouring residents. Subsequently the Surgeon-General made two proposals, i.e., (*a*) erecting the building on a new site altogether; and (*b*) to improve the buildings that already exist so as to make them better. The first proposal has been for the present deferred. So far as the improvement of the present building is concerned, the Surgeon-General has submitted proposals and it is proposed to construct a ward for infectious diseases this year within the hospital itself. Ultimately the question of removing the hospital to another site may have to be considered. Till then the improvement now proposed will have to be given effect to."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether the figure representing the attendance is during the season time or during all the year round?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"It is the average attendance."

Jails

Female political prisoners in Vellore Jail.

11-45 a.m. *40 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of A, B and C class women political prisoners in Vellore Jail;

(*b*) whether any representations have been made to the Government regarding their treatment and, if so, when and by whom; and

(*c*) what steps have been taken to remedy the grievances complained of?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information;

(*b*) & (*c*) A representation was made by certain A class prisoners in the Central Jail, Vellore, that female prisoners should not be placed in C class and that female prisoners of the C class were not supplied with oil for the hair or washing materials. The criteria for classification of prisoners laid down by the Government of India do not contemplate any special classification of female prisoners. Female prisoners of the C class are being supplied with oil and washing materials.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"With regard to (*a*), the answer is 'Government have no information'. May I know whether there are any difficulties in getting the information required?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I don't think there is any great difficulty."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—"Will the hon. the Law Member call for the information with a view to allay the public feeling on the matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I shall consider my friend's suggestion."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Arising out of the answer to clause (*b*), may I suggest to the Government the desirability of examining the cases of the various female prisoners with reference to reclassifying them? The answer that is given is only a technical answer, i.e., that female prisoners as such are not entitled to special classification?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am sorry, Sir, that I cannot give any hope to my friend, because the rules relating to this subject matter, which have been laid down by the Government of India, leave no option to the Local Government to make any distinction between one class of C class prisoners and another."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I am afraid the answer to clause (*b*) is that there cannot be a higher classification merely because the prisoners are females. That is the answer. May I suggest that the question of reclassifying some of the prisoners, or at least in particular cases, may be considered by examining the merits of the cases so as to allay the public feeling in the matter?"

The hon Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" With reference to that, the criterion for placing any prisoner, whether male or female, in any of these three clauses, A, B and C, is entirely the standard of living to which the particular prisoner was accustomed. That is the test, and the Local Government have no option whatever to apply any other test."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" Who gives the information as to the standard of living of prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Magistrates that convict the particular prisoner, male or female."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" Where does he get the information from?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" At the time of trial in court, he gets the information."

Mrs. ALAMELU MANGATHAYARAMMAL (in Tamil) :—" It no doubt appears from the answer given here that separate kinds of treatment are given to the different classes of prisoners, A, B and C. But, in view of the fact that such articles as oil and washing materials are quite indispensable to women, is it not possible for the Government to order their supply to the female prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" If I understood the question of my lady friend correctly, the answer is there already on the paper. It is stated therein that oil is supplied to the female prisoners. I understood my friend to ask me whether oil could not be supplied. The answer is that oil is being supplied."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether all the grievances brought to the notice of the Government in the representations made to them have been met or redressed?"

[19th November 1930

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The answer given is complete."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know if the hon. the Law Member will be pleased to have the chivalry to classify all the 'C' class lady prisoners under class 'B'?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I am afraid I have no option whatever to be chivalrous in a matter like this. I wish I could."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS—cont.

Deputy Collectors

Appointment of Mr. Tamzuddin as the Revenue Divisional Officer of Tiruvannamalai.

*41 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tiruvannamalai division, is a native and pattadar of Adayur village in Tiruvannamalai taluk;

(b) whether there is a rule that persons owning property in a division should not be appointed executive officers of the same division; and

(c) what were the exceptional circumstances necessitating the appointment of Mr. Tamzuddin as the Revenue Divisional Officer of Tiruvannamalai?

A.—(a) The Government have no information whether or not Khan Bahadur Muhammad Tamzuddin Quadiri Sahib, Revenue Divisional Officer, Tiruvannamalai division, North Arcot district, is a native of Adayur village. So far as they are aware, he does not own land in that village or in that district.

(b) There is no such rule. The attention of the hon. Member, however, is invited to Local ruling (6) under Rule 11 and local ruling 8 (b) under Rule 10 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, a copy of which is in the Council Library.

(c) There were no exceptional circumstances.

General

Alleged orders regarding wearing of khaddar, caps or dress.

42 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to explain why the wearing of khaddar caps and dress by Government servants or private individuals was prohibited and why such people were illtreated and insulted?

A.—No such prohibition has been made by the Government. On 20th June 1930 the District Magistrate of Guntur in the interests of the public place passed an order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, prohibiting the wearing of Gandhi caps within the limits of the Guntur Municipality and within a radius of 5 miles thereof. This order has since been set aside by the High Court. So far as the Government are aware, no other order affecting the wearing of khaddar caps or dress has been passed by any Magistrate.